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SOYBEAN INSPECTIONS SHOW SEASONAL DECREASE IN DECEMBER

Receipts of soybeans inspected in December decreased seasonally to 7,447 cars compared with 16,700 cars in November and 32,278 cars in October, according to inspectors' reports to the Grain Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration. The average for the month of December for the crop years 1940-45 was 5,370 cars. December inspections brought the total for the first three months of the season to 56,425 cars compared with 57,735 cars for the same period in 1945.

The quality of the soybeans inspected in December was considerably below that for the preceding month, only 53 percent grading No. 2 or better compared with 63 percent in November and 77 percent in October. October-December inspections this season show 70 percent grading No. 2 or better compared with 92 percent in 1945.

Inspections of soybeans in December included the equivalent of 217 cars inspected as cargo lots and truck receipts equivalent to about 142 cars.

Soybeans: Inspected receipts, December 1946, in carlots 1/.

Class	Grade					Total December 1946	Total Oct. 1, - Dec. 31, 1946
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Sample		
Yellow.....	1,137	2,676	2,584	690	59	7,146	53,759
Green.....	-	2	-	-	-	2	99
Brown.....	11	9	6	2	1	29	169
Black.....	19	53	37	12	1	122	863
Mixed.....	14	61	47	15	11	148	1,535
Total cars	1,181	2,801	2,674	719	72	7,447	
Percentages	16	37	36	10	1	100	
October-December 1946	Cars: 15,268	24,193	13,432	3,152	380		56,425
Percentages:	27	43	24	5	1		100
October-December 1945	Cars: 41,140	11,918	3,575	818	284		57,735
Percentages:	71	21	6	1	1		100

1/ Cargo and truck receipts converted to carlots on basis of 1,650 bushels equal 1 carlot.



